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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-14-85 (AMSTUTZ, BRUCE) OR-M

TAGS:

SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: SITREP NO. 9

1. SITUATION AT 12:45 HOURS IS AS FOLLOWS: AMIN WILL NOT TALK TO ME ON THE PHONE BUT WE HAVE SENT OFFICER BERNARD J. WOERZ TO PALACE TO TRY TO GET ACCESS TO HIM. WE HAVE SO INFORMED PERSONAL SECRETARY AKBAR MEHR. I HAVE TALKED AGAIN WITH DOST STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF NO FORCED ACTION AND TRANSMITTED SECRETARY VANCE'S MESSAGE. OUR CONTINGENT AT THE HOTEL (FLATIN, BOLES, ROTZ, AND A LOCAL) ARE DOING SAME. FURTHERMORE, JIM TAYLOR AT TAROON'S OFFICE IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IS PASSING OUR VIEWS AGAIN TO HIM.

2. FLASH: HOTEL GROUP REPORTS THAT BREAK IN IS SCHEDULED IN OMI MINUTE.

3. APPARENTLY GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REJECT THE TERRORISTS DEMANDS AND RESPOND BY FORCED ACTION.

4. FLASH: THEY WENT IN AND FIRING IS OVER. AMSTUTZ

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